

TESTIMONIALS.



PATRICK BLAIKIE SMITH, M.B. C.M.

ABERDEEN.



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TESTIMONIALS.



I.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

These are to certify, that on occasion of his being admitted by this University to the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery, Patrick Blaikie Smith was found entitled to the Highest Academical Honours.

P. C. CAMPBELL, D.D.

Principal and Vice-Chancellor.

J. MACROBIN, M.D.

Professor of Medicine and Dean of the Faculty. Promoter to the Degree of M.B.

WILLIAM PIRRIE, C.M. F.R.S.E.

Professor of Surgery, Promoter to the Degree of C.M.

Given at the University at Aberdeen the 20th day of April 1870.

J. S. BRAZIER, F.C.S.

Professor of Chemistry. Secretary to the Faculty of Medicine.

II.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,

July 15th, 1871.

Dr. Patrick Blaikie Smith has been well known to me since the commencement of his Medical studies. He distinguished himself from the beginning in the Anatomy and Practical Anatomy Classes, and as a senior pupil, was one of four who stood highest and equal in the Class, after a series of searching oral, written, and practical examinations ; and he obtained the highest marks in Anatomy in the examinations for the Degree. I know that he also distinguished himself as a student in other University Classes besides mine, and on the occasion of his graduation he obtained Highest Honours in both Medicine and Surgery.

After these facts, I need hardly say that Dr. Smith was one of our hardest working and most successful students ; and I have the pleasure of being able to add that I ever found him satisfactory in all respects.

Since graduating here, he has enjoyed excellent opportunities, in one of the London Hospitals, of acquiring practical familiarity with disease and its treatment. I have, therefore, no hesitation in recommending Dr. Smith as very well qualified for any position which a highly-educated young Medical man can fill, and as well deserving of encouragement and success in his profession.

JOHN STRUTHERS,

Professor of Anatomy.

III.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,

July 17th, 1871.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to bear my testimony to the gentlemanly conduct, superior talents, and great acquirements of Dr. Patrick B. Smith, and to the great zeal with which he has devoted himself to the study of the various branches of Medical Science. Having known Dr. Patrick B. Smith from his infancy, and having taken a great interest in him while a student at the University and at the Hospital, during the whole period of his undergraduate study, I have had ample opportunities of forming a correct appreciation of his abilities and attainments ; and I can safely certify that he is well qualified to practise his profession, and that he is in every respect highly deserving of trust.

WILLIAM PIRRIE,

Professor of Surgery.

IV.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,

12th Nov. 1869.

I have much pleasure in certifying that Mr. Patrick Smith passed all his examinations at this University with the highest credit ; and is entitled to claim his Degree of M.B. and C.M. when he attains the statutory age, with the "Highest Academical Honours." I entertain a very high opinion of Mr. Smith's professional attainments, and am confident that he will, by his studious and patient industry, his zeal, his talent for scientific observation, and his high sense of duty, afford every satisfaction to the Directors of the Middlesex Hospital, should they be pleased to appoint him to the office of Resident Physician's Assistant.

J. MACROBIN, M.D.

Professor of Medicine, Dean of the Faculty, &c.

V.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,

2d August 1871.

Patrick B. Smith, M.B. C.M., attended my lectures on Zoology with Comparative Anatomy during the summer session of 1867. He was a very good and attentive student, and gained the First Prize of the session. His conduct in the Class, and his appearances at his subsequent examinations for graduation in Medicine, gave me a high opinion of his abilities, and the fullest reason to expect that he will succeed in the profession he has chosen.

JAMES NICOL,

Professor of Natural History.

VI.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,

7th August 1871.

Dr. P. B. Smith was known here as a distinguished student and graduate, and gives every promise of being a painstaking and successful medical practitioner.

F. OGSTON.

VII.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
January 31, 1872.

I have much pleasure in giving expression to the high opinion I entertain of the professional qualifications and the personal character of Dr. Patrick Blaikie Smith, M.B. and C.M. of this University.

Yet, of one who graduated with "Highest Academical Honours," it should not be necessary to say much. The distinction in question is attained by very few of our graduates. It implies a high order of merit, and it is the best testimonial one can present, on any occasion when testimonials are called for. It vouches for his intelligence, and also for his attainments in a knowledge of his profession.

It need only be added, that, a distinguished student in my own Class of *Materia Medica*, and a prizeman, Dr. Smith was no less distinguished in those of my Colleagues; and that all through the curriculum of Medical study, he so acquitted himself by devotion to work and propriety of conduct, as to win for himself the goodwill and esteem of all his teachers in the University.

At the Royal Infirmary, also, Dr. Smith applied himself with equal zeal and intelligence as at the University, towards acquiring a practical knowledge of his profession.

In short, I believe Dr. Smith to be peculiarly well qualified for the practice of his profession,—and one that gives good promise of rising to distinction in it.

ALEX. HARVEY, M.D.

Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Aberdeen, and Consulting Physician in the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

VIII.

ABERDEEN, 5th August 1871.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. Patrick B. Smith's qualifications for the practice of his profession. While acting as one of my Clinical Clerks in the Medical Wards of the Aberdeen Infirmary during Session 1868-69, he was most diligent in the discharge of his duties, and gave me the greatest satisfaction by the careful and intelligent manner in which he examined and took notes of the cases allotted to him. He has since then increased and extended his professional knowledge by residence in one of the London Hospitals. From my acquaintance with Dr. Smith's character, kindly manner, and excellent abilities, I am satisfied that he will faithfully discharge any professional duties with which he may be entrusted, whether of a public or private nature, and that he will prove himself an able and trustworthy practitioner.

J. W. F. SMITH, M.D.

IX.

79 WIMPOLE STREET, LONDON, W.

July 15th, 1871.

Dr. P. B. Smith acted as Clinical Clerk and Resident Physician's Assistant for many months in my Wards of the Middlesex Hospital, and no one who has held these offices under me has ever performed the duties more ably and punctually. He is well read, and for his age had much experience in his profession, and he has always been kind and attentive to the patients under his care.

CHARLES MURCHISON,

M.D., F.R.S., LL.D.

Physician, St. Thomas' Hospital.

X.

LONDON, *July 18th*, 1871.

I beg to certify that Mr. P. B. Smith was formerly attached to me as Resident Physician's Assistant, an officer on whom devolves the duty of attending to the Patients in the absence of the Physician, and who accordingly incurs the gravest responsibilities, while he enjoys the amplest opportunities of learning his profession practically at the bedside.

When I say that Mr. Smith discharged the duties of that office with the utmost ability and assiduity, and in every way made the most of its advantages, I am sure I need add no more in the way of recommendation.

HENRY THOMPSON,
M.D. M.A. Cantab., F.R.C.P. London.
Physician to the Middlesex Hospital.

XI.

11 MANCHESTER SQUARE, LONDON, W.

July 1871.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. P. B. Smith's high professional attainments. I have had ample opportunities of judging of his scientific and practical knowledge of Medicine during the time that he held the post of House Physician in Middlesex Hospital, and I was led from my own observation to form, in every respect, a very high opinion of him.

ROBERT LIVEING,

A.M. and M.D. Cantab.

*Senior Assist.-Physician to Middlesex
Hospital, late Examiner for the M.B.
degree at University of Cambridge.*

XII.

58 WELLBECK STREET,

Nov. 24th, 1871.

I have much pleasure in expressing the high opinion I have formed of Dr. P. B. Smith's professional acquirements. Dr. Smith discharged the duties of Resident Clinical Assistant at the Middlesex Hospital during a period of twelve months, in which office he displayed not only great zeal and devotion to his duties, but also Medical attainments of a very high order. I consider Dr. Smith to be a thoroughly well-trained Physician of great abilities, and likely to distinguish himself in his professional career.

WM. CAYLEY, M.D.

*Assistant-Physician and Lecturer on Pathology
at the Middlesex Hospital, Physician to the
London Fever Hospital.*

XIII.

48 HARLEY STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE
LONDON, W.,

February 12th, 1874.

Having had the good fortune to be intimately acquainted with Dr. Patrick Blaikie Smith for several years, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high opinion I have formed of his ability and professional attainments.

After completing the usual course of study at Aberdeen, Dr. Smith attached himself to the Middlesex Hospital as Clerk to Dr. Murchison; this led to his election as Resident Physician's Assistant, which office he filled most intelligently for twelve months. Being the Senior Assistant during the greater part of his time, it was Dr. Smith's duty to take the place of the Resident Medical Officer when I was temporarily absent from the Hospital, and I have always considered myself singularly fortunate in having had the benefit of the able assistance which Dr. Smith was ever ready and willing to give; no position could better enable me to estimate correctly the various qualifications which he possesses, and I can conscientiously say that I believe there are few men of Dr. Smith's years who have enjoyed the advantages which he has had, and still fewer who have utilized them so well.

ROBERT KING,

B.A. M.B. Cantab.; M.R.C.P. Lond.

*Assistant Physician to the Middlesex Hospital,
and Lecturer in the School; late Resid.
Med. Officer.*

XIV.

29 UNION PLACE, ABERDEEN,

February 5th, 1874.

Dr. P. B. Smith having asked me for a testimonial based on my acquaintance with him as a student and graduate of our University, I have very great pleasure in stating that the impression this acquaintance has left upon me is every way in his favour, both as regards his scientific acquirements and his abilities as a member of the Medical profession.

Dr. Smith's whole course as a student was most satisfactory; he passed his examinations so creditably as to rank as one of our most distinguished graduates; and I have good reason to believe that his career since then, at the Middlesex Hospital and elsewhere, has been quite in keeping with the character he had already established amongst us.

GEO. OGILVIE, M.D.,

*Professor of the Institutes of Medicine,
Univ. of Aberdeen.*

XV.

ABERDEEN, *8th May*, 1873.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high professional attainments of Dr. Patrick Blaikie Smith. Dr. Smith attended the practice of the Aberdeen Dispensary in the district under my charge in 1868, and, by his attention and kindly manner, soon gained the confidence of those coming under his care. Since then, he has taken his medical degrees "with Highest Honours," and he has had the advantage of acting as House Physician to a large London Hospital. From my intercourse with him since he has been in practice here, I feel convinced that he is a highly qualified medical practitioner, and that it would be difficult to find a more competent man to fill any public medical appointment where skill, attention, and kindness are required.

ANGUS FRASER, M.D.

XVI.

ABERDEEN, 19th *February*, 1874.

I have been acquainted with the bearer, Dr. P. Blaikie Smith, for many years, and have had many opportunities of judging of his abilities and professional attainments. So much do I think of them that I have frequently asked him to assist me in my practice. On these occasions he always proved to be well acquainted with the nature and treatment of medical and surgical cases, and of diseases of women and children.

I know that he has a knowledge of midwifery, and has practised it successfully. He has also vaccinated successfully. He was much liked and esteemed by his patients, for he was always attentive, kind, and gentlemanly in his conduct to them.

I am sure he will discharge the duties of his profession in a highly satisfactory manner to those placed under his care.

DAVID FIDDES, M.D.

XVII.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
February 17th, 1874.

I have very great pleasure in stating what I know of the attainments of Dr. Patrick Blaikie Smith.

Dr. Smith graduated as an M.B. and C.M. at this University in April, 1870, with "Highest Academical Honours."

As a graduate of medicine, he had previously attended the course of Theoretical Chemistry under my instruction during the winter session of 1865-66, and again in 1866-67; and the course of Practical Chemistry during the summer of 1866. He was at all times a diligent, attentive, and painstaking student; the success that attended his study of Chemistry entitled him to a testimonial of proficiency at the close both of his Theoretical as well as his Practical Course.

It need hardly be stated that, to obtain his Degree with Highest Academical Honours, he had obtained a very high rank in every department upon which he was examined.

Dr. Smith appears to be thoroughly devoted to his profession; and I have always heard him spoken of by my colleagues as a man of ability and sound special attainments.

Uniting, as Dr. Smith does, such high qualifications with a kind and amiable disposition, it was a source of great satisfaction that I was able to appoint him to the position of "Teaching Assistant" in the Chemical Department of this University—a position, I trust, he may for a long time be able to retain

JAS. S. BRAZIER.